

Official DCS School Board Meeting Minutes Summary – Nov 18, 2024

In attendance: Bart Hughes (President), Beth Costello (Vice President), Jane Miner (Head of School), Stacey Taylor, Jesse Vergara, Pete Edmonds, Jonathan Polsdorfer, Zach Younkin, Scott Tiede

Remote: Tracy Pearch

Visiting: Joshua Deardorff, Shannon Gill

Not present:

Call to Order

Bart called the meeting to order at 6:30 and opened in prayer.

Minutes Approval

Pete moved to approve the minutes from the October meeting and Beth seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to approve

Treasurer's Report

1. September and October financials reviewed

Stacey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report for September and October. Lea seconded the motion.

Unanimous vote to approve.

Old Business

1. Capital Campaign Update
 - a. Elder Board approved new plan on Nov 4th. Informational meeting to occur December 15th and January 12th vote to church congregation.
 - b. Working on a communication plan to school and church for weekly updates
2. Tuition for 2025/2026
 - a. 2025 is a budget year for the State of Ohio. Jane has contacted representative and states that there is confidence Ed Choice will continue. Vote on state budget will be done by June 2025.
 - b. Tuition options were discussed. Motion was made by Tracey to approve tuition cost for 2025/2026 and Stacey seconded the motion.

New Business

1. Administrative Report
 - a. Looking at a bookkeeping company and possible individuals to fill the open position in business office
 - b. Jane will be meeting with administrators to discuss enrollment plan for 2025/2026
2. Review of Employee Handbook
 - a. Jane and Administrators will meet to review. Tracy Pearch will serve as the school board representative on review committee.
3. Marquis Fund
 - a. Jesse made motion to set up "Marquis Fund" to track funds and expenses. Beth seconded the motion.
 - i. 5 Questions:

1. The purpose of the fund and how it furthers the mission: Meet temporary needs of Marquis family
 2. Source of the money: Personal donations
 3. Procedure on how fund is spent: Head of School to approve fund. School Board President to serve if Head of School unable to approve
 4. Procedure on how fund can be closed: Majority vote of the DCS School Board
 5. How to disperse money after the fund is closed: Write check to Marquis family
4. Christmas Bonus
- a. Currently Christmas bonus is collected from parents during Christmas Programs
 - b. Motion made for the school board to match donation 1:1 up to \$5,000 for staff bonus. Beth seconded the motion. This money will be pulled from general fund.

Adjournment

Scott closed the meeting in prayer at 9:21.